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1. The contemplated dissolution of the East German Deutsche Handelszentralen (DHZs) will not take place. The DHZs will continue to exist as the principal wholesale trade agencies of East Germany. Although it was planned to eliminate entirely all privately-owned wholesale enterprises, the "new course" in East Germany provides that the existing remnant of such undertakings may continue in business and that in some few cases wholesale firms not fully nationalized may be restored to private hands. In a number of instances where private wholesalers had fled to the West and their firms had been placed in trusteeship pending completion of the legal and technical process of acquisition for public ownership, the private owners returned upon promulgation of the "new course" in East Germany and have immediately had their businesses returned to their owners.
2. It is believed that the DHZ would not have been dissolved as was originally planned anyway, regardless of the new policy announced for 11 June 1953. Deputy Minister-President Heinrich Rau staunchly opposed this change from the beginning, on the ground that this was not the opportune time to reorganize the trading structure within East Germany. His opinion finally prevailed following long discussion in the Council of Ministers and the Central Control Commission.

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